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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 have been canceled. New claims 21-52 remain active in the case.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to 1-aryl-3-cyano-5-heteroarylalkylaminopyrazole derivatives which exhibit insecticidal activity.

Claim Rejection, 35 USC 112

Claim 1 has been amended in the form of new Claim 21 in a fashion that obviates the issues raised in subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c). More particularly with respect to the issue of subparagraph (b), the term "acyl" has been deleted in favor of the expression --linear or branched alkylcarbonyl -- as supported by the disclosure of the specification of page 6, lines 4-9. (New Claims 45-52 are based on the definition of alkyl for group R² found on page 6 of the text.)

Original Claims 2-14 reappear as new Claims 22-33. Original Claim 15 reappears in the form of new Claims 34-39 and original Claims 16-20 reappear as new Claims 40-44. In presenting the new claims, the issues raised in subparagraphs (d) to (f) and the objection to Claims 6 and 7 have been taken into account. Entry of the amendment into the record is respectfully requested.

Restriction Requirement

Applicants affirm the election of the aspect of the invention set forth in Group I. Moreover, in presenting the new claims, the same are limited to the elected aspect of the

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invention of the formula "A-1." Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application to the remaining embodiments of the invention.

It is now believed that the application is in proper condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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